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SUBJECT: BELGIAN EXPORT CONTROL OFFICIALS SAY NO TO  
IRAN-RELATED EXPORT REQUEST

REF: A) STATE 104818 AND B) EWING-YEAGER EMAIL 07/20/07

Classified By: Political Counselor Theodore H Andrews, Reasons 1.4 (b)  
and (d)

¶1. (c) Acting Econcouns delivered U.S. views outlined in para 4, Ref A concerning the Iran-related export request to Karolien Maertens, Export Control Attache to the Ministry of the Brussels Region. Maertens appreciated receiving U.S. thinking on the specific export application (Ref B). She added that she recommends denying the application and finds U.S. arguments presented to be very helpful in reviewing the case. Maertens will forward her recommendation to the Minister for the Brussels Region, who will make the final decision. She expects the Minister to accept her recommendation. Maertens added that she looks forward to continued cooperation and consultation with U.S. officials on export control issues.

¶2. (C) Pol/MilOff delivered Ref A views on July 31 to Rudi Brieven, Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs UNSC Cell (Belgium chairs The UNSC Iran sanctions committee.) Brieven said his office had already advised the Brussels Region Export Control Agency to deny the export request. He shrugged off any legal challenge that the company in question (NFI) might raise through its reported attorney hired to deal with this issue.

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